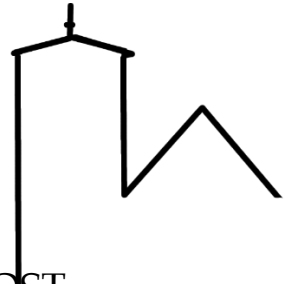


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1420 West Moss Avenue
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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

14 November 2021

Ten O'clock

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose sovereign purpose none can make void, give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

... from the Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA)

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Recicare brevis

Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Clark-Jones

One: *God is our protection, our refuge in times of strife.*

All: **We have no good apart from God.**^[SEP]

One: *The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup.*

All: **We bless the Lord who gives us council.**

One: *Keep the Lord always before you.*

All: **Therefore, our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice!**

***THE HYMN 482**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

**1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For he is thy rock and salvation!
All ye who hear
Now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration!**

**2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his arm,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?**

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the amen Sound from his people again.
 Gladly for aye adore him.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680
 Music: Stralsund *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, 1665

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*praying together*)

ROCK OF SALVATION, you give children to the barren and strength to the feeble; you exalt the poor and lift up the needy. We praise your holy name from morning to night, yet we build walls that separate us: from you, from one another, from the world, even from ourselves. We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth. We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure. We confess our failings and seek solace in the mother of our joy. Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing hope ceaselessly. Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, to work together for good in the world, and to prepare for the day of the Lord.

*TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

*KYRIE

John Weaver

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND GLORIA PATRI

John Weaver

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be -
 gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er.
 A - men. A - - - men. A - - - men.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSONS FOR THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters;⁵ but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb.⁶ Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb.⁷ So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat.⁸ Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

⁹ After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord.¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly.¹¹ She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

¹² As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth.¹³ Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk.¹⁴ So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine."¹⁵ But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord.¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time."¹⁷ Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him."¹⁸ And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.¹⁹ They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her.²⁰ In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

1. In the LORD my heart rejoices ~ in him, my strength, my rock.
In his salvation I am glad; ~ my enemies, I mock.
There is no holy one like him, ~ nor Rock like him, our LORD.
So neither boast, nor swagger, nor ~ spew arrogance abroad.

2. For God, you're LORD of knowledge and ~ what we do, you assess.
The strong-armeds' bows your break: the weak ~ with strength, you gird and dress.
The fed must hire themselves for bread: ~ the hungry now have corn.
Sev'n children has the barren borne: ~ the fertile are forlorn.

3. The LORD metes out both death and life, ~ who shall leave or remain.
To grave and Sheol does he despatch ~ yet brings to life again.
He makes one poor, another rich, ~ to bring low or restore.
He lifts from dust and midden both ~ the needy and the poor.

4. With princes he gives them a place ~ assigns them the best seat.
The earth's foundations LORD are yours ~ to make the world complete.
You keep the feet of those who serve ~ you faithfully on trail,
But leave the wicked in the dark; ~ for might does not prevail.

Text: Paraphrase of I Samuel 2:1-10
Music: The Southern Harmony, 1835

EPISTLE: Hebrews 10:11-14; 29-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' ⁷ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 452**

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

St. Michael

**1. O day of God, draw nigh
In beauty and in power
Come with your timeless judgment now
To match our present hour.**

**2. Bring to our troubled minds,
Uncertain and afraid,
The quiet of a steadfast faith,
Calm of a call obeyed.**

**3. Bring justice to our land
That all may dwell secure,
And finely build for days to come
Foundations that endure.**

**4. Bring to our world of strife
Your sovereign word of peace,
That war may haunt the earth no more
And desolation cease.**

**5. O day of God, draw nigh
As at creation's birth;
Let there be light again, and set
Your judgment in the earth.**

Text: Robert B.Y. Scott, 1937
Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
(affirming together)

from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church, USA

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed... We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGES FOR 2022

***RESPONSIVE DEDICATION**

One: *This is an important day in the life of Westminster church.*

All: **It is an important day in our lives as individuals, for it is an occasion for us to demonstrate our faithfulness to Christ.**

One: *Jesus said there are many who call him "Lord," but do not follow his path of discipleship.*

All: **We would like to be true followers of Jesus, and not mere nominal Christians who hold back the treasures we have stored.**

One: *We know that the real blessings of God are for those who are truly committed to him and his kingdom.*

All: **Therefore we want to offer him our hearts and minds and souls in all their fullness, and follow him with all we have.**

One: *If we do that, he has promised to bless us, and to make us prosper in all the ways that matter.*

All: **The Lord is our shepherd, and he shall lead us into the paths of righteousness for his name's sake, and restore our souls all the days of our lives.**

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Old Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Give Us the Wings of Faith

Ernest Bullock

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be. We ask them whence their victory came; they with united breath ascribe their conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death. They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their quest; and, following their incarnate God, they reached the promised rest.

SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

(... *In your mercy ... Lord hear our prayer*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER [*praying together*]

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 361**

How Firm A Foundation

Foundation

**How firm a foundation
Ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith
In God's excellent Word!
What more can be said
Than to you God hath said
To you who for refuge
To Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee,
O be not dismayed
For I am thy God
And will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
And cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous,
Omnipotent hand.**

'When through the deep waters
I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow
Shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee,
Thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee
Thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials
Thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient,
Shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee:
I only design.
Thy dross to consume,
And thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Text: "K: in 'A Selection of Hymns', 1787
Music: American Folk Hymn, 1832

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be With You

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*POSTLUDE

PRINTED COPIES of the hymns with musical notation are available in the Narthex for those who might wish to follow along or sing from the hymnal source.

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones, *Pastor of Westminster Church*

Dr. J. Douglas McQueen, *Sub-organist*

The Westminster Choir

Elder Larry Hicks, *Video Producer*

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF PEORIA. We are pleased to have you with us on this twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost. We trust that this service will bring blessing and hope. We welcome those worshipping with us via the World Wide Web where we are live-streaming this service. Our thanks to Elder Larry Hicks who has made the live-streaming possible through his expertise in web design. If you miss the service at ten o'clock on Sunday morning, the recording of the worship will appear for the next several weeks on the WPC You Tube Channel. This is also a great way to hear the sermon and second time and perhaps enjoy some of the music again, too.

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